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From: Chergo, Jennifer [Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov]
Sent: 9/10/2019 6:40:41 PM
To: Kaley LaQuea [klaquea@versanews.com]
CC: Aviles, Jesse [Aviles.Jesse@epa.gov]
Subject: RE: VB/I70 Public Affairs/Statement?

OK, we got the approval. Sorry it took so long. We are available on Friday the 13th between 9-3 or Monday the 16th between 12-3. Would one of those dates/times work for you? If you have any changes to the questions that you are going to ask from what you sent us, please forward in advance. Also, can you tell me how long you think the interview will take?

-jc

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From: Chergo, Jennifer
Sent: Monday, September 9, 2019 12:51 PM
To: Kaley LaQuea <klaquea@versanews.com>
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Subject: RE: VB/I70 Public Affairs/Statement?

Hi Kaley. Sorry it's taking so long. Still waiting on approval. I haven't forgotten you, truly! I'll get back to you just as soon as I hear something back....

From: Kaley LaQuea <klaquea@versanews.com>
Sent: Saturday, September 7, 2019 11:01 AM
To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: VB/I70 Public Affairs/Statement?

Hi Jennifer,

I wanted to check in with you about getting this interview approved. Please let me know if we can set something up for next week.

Thank you!

Kaley

On Thu, Aug 29, 2019 at 10:44 AM Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Thanks Kaley. Looks like tomorrow will be too soon to get this approved. These questions will help us get the approval, though. Let's shoot for sometime next week, and I'll let you know as soon as I get the approval.

-jc

From: Kaley LaQuea <klaquea@versanews.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 29, 2019 10:42 AM
To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>
Subject: Re: VB/I70 Public Affairs/Statement?

Hi Jennifer,

Here's my list of questions:

Has the EPA conclusively determined the cause of the contamination in all 3 operable units of VB/I70? What is the agency's official determination?

Do you feel the EPA has explored all possible sources of soil (and therefore groundwater) contamination due to smelting activity?

Can you explain why the agency is considering delisting OU1?

Why does the scope of OU1 only contain the top 12 inches of soil? Why hasn't the agency conducted further soil testing?

As the site's project manager, do you believe every effort has been made to protect the health of individuals living in the VB/I70 Superfund site? Can you give me a brief run-through of the 2015 administrative settlement between Denver and the EPA regarding OU2? Removal is scheduled to begin in Sept, is that correct? Who oversees/carries out that removal

How is the EPA working with CDOT while highway expansion construction is ongoing?

If tomorrow isn't enough time to get this approved, please let me know if one day next week would work better. Thank you again!

Best,

Kaley

On Fri, Aug 23, 2019 at 2:57 PM Kaley LaQuea <klaquea@versanews.com> wrote:

Thank you! If it's possible to sit down with Jesse that would be great. We have a studio located at 17th and California in downtown Denver (633 17th St.) I'd like to ask some questions about the history of the site, the cleanup and residents' concerns over delisting OU1. Any time on Thursday or Friday of next week would work great for us. Please let me know.

Best,

Kaley

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On Fri, Aug 23, 2019 at 2:16 PM Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov> wrote:

Yes, absolutely. Happy to arrange that for you. Just let me know where and when and the format (video, I assume) and also maybe some of the kinds of questions you would like to ask. I can help coordinate and get you an EPA person (probably the EPA VB/I-70 site project manager) to be interviewed from EPA.

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From: Kaley LaQuea <klaquea@versanews.com>

Sent: Friday, August 23, 2019 2:11 PM

To: Chergo, Jennifer <Chergo.Jennifer@epa.gov>

Subject: VB/I70 Public Affairs/Statement?

Hi Jennifer,

My name is Kaley. We met a few months back at the CAG EPA meeting for the Vasquez I-70 Superfund site. I wanted to reach out and ask -- are you the best contact point if I would like to request an official statement or interview about the site's history and operable units? Please let me know.

Best,

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